**Minimum wages to beedi workers in Orissa**

2407. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of minimum wages that are paid to the beedi workers per thousand manufactured beedis in the Orissa State;

(b) whether this rate is at par throughout the State of Orissa; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) Under the provision of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, the State Government of Orissa has notified the rates of minimum wages for unskilled beedi workers at Rs. 70/- per day with effect from 1.5.2007 as applicable throughout the State.

**Medical facility to beedi workers in Orissa**

2408. MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of medical facilities that have been made available to the beedi workers and their family members; and

(b) how far have these been implemented in different States especially with reference to Orissa State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) The details are given in Statement-I *(See* below).

(b) The details are given in Statement-II *(See* below).

**Statement-I**

*Details of medical facilities made available to the beedi workers and their family members.*

HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARIES

Health care is provided to the beedi workers and their dependents through 5 hospitals and 204 dispensaries all over the country. The 5 hospitals are located at:-

(i) 65 bedded hospital at Dhuliyan, (West Bengal),

(ii) 50 bedded T.B. hospital at Koderma (Jharkhand),

(iii) 50 bedded hospital at Mysore (Karnataka),

(iv) 10 bedded hospital at Gursahaiganj (UP.),

(v) 30 bedded hospital at Sagar (M.R).

Two more hospitals are under construction at Biharsharif (Bihar) and Mukkudal Tamil Nadu.